

Bill to Avoid New Vote In Capital Passes, 55-22

Sent to Law Committee

By a vote of 53 to 22, the Knesset yesterday passed the Law Committee's private Member's bill which aims at avoiding new elections for the Jerusalem Municipality. The Committee will now prepare the bill for its first reading.

The bill was reported by Jagan, the National People's Party leader, as a private member. It was opposed by Mr. M. G. Ramdas, Minister for Industries, and Mr. K. S. Thiruvengadam, Minister for Agriculture.

Under the proposed Bill, only one Member may make

Discussion on the bill was marked by prolonged heckling from Herut and Mapam benches. They objected, on procedural grounds, to the fact that the floor had been given to the Deputy Minister of Interior, Dr. I.S. Rabinberg. The bill — entitled Law on

to the Jerusalem Municipality — authorizes the District Court to recognize the 90 ballots cast at the Rehavia polling station. The ballots had been invalidated by election officials because the envelopes containing them did not bear

an official stamp. District Court Judge Miriam Ben-
norat ruled last week that
the elections were invalid.
She expressed regret that the
law did not permit her to re-
cognize the 56 ballots.

Court's Will

Mr. Moshe Baran (Mapai), in a maiden speech, presented the bill on behalf of himself and Messrs. Shlomo Abud, Na'aveda, Kanowitz (Progressive) and Raphael N.R.P.). He said that no one was disputing the court's

ment, and amending the law retroactively. The cabinet would only be carrying out the will of the court. The aim was simply to hold new elections in the capital.

When Deputy Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu called on Dr.

Memam) rose to ask: "In whose name?" "He is replying to the motion," Mr. Yehayahu said.

Herut Members now joined in, and Mr. Menachem Begin said: "We want to know if this is a statement in the

Dr. Hassenberg tried to begin his speech half a dozen times, but got no further than, "Mr. Speaker, Members of the Knesset." He was interrupted now by Dr. Juchman, now by Mr. Shofman, now by Mr. Rubin, and

Heckler's Point
The heckler's point was at under the Knesset Rules, for presentation of a private Members bill, the movement has the

Since it was common knowledge that the Government had taken no stand on the present bill, it was not surprising that the significance of Dr. Rosenberg's participation in the debate was

When he was finally able to make his speech, Dr. Rosenberg said that the appeal against the validity of the Russian elections differed from appeals in other localities in two respects: (1) the report made was an honest one; no corruption had been

ould not be used here, as it might be elsewhere, that the results might have been different if there had been no corruption; the results were own.

The Government had decided that the Executive

viewed yesterday by Mr. Abba Eban, Minister without Portfolio, before the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee.

Mr. Eban also reported to the Committee on the preparations for the international conference on "The Role

ould not intervene in an
of the Judiciary (by
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ly. But it had no objection
private initiative. The Gov-
ernment was taking no stand
the matter.

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